

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 692

By Carr

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Robert Wesley "Robbie" Fox, Sr., of Sevierville.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable person is Robert Wesley "Robbie" Fox, Sr., of Sevierville, who is the Vice President of Risk Management and Security for The Dollywood Company, a position he has held for more than seventeen years; and

WHEREAS, in his capacity as Vice President of Risk Management and Security, Robbie Fox is responsible for ride, food, water, and facility safety as well as security for all guests and employees at Dollywood, Dollywood's Splash Country, DreamMore Resort, and Dollywood Cabins; he also addresses guest complaints and accessibility issues for guests and employees as needed; and

WHEREAS, in addition, Mr. Fox assists employees with workers' compensation claims, serves as the company representative in civil and criminal proceedings, and conducts special investigations as necessary; and

WHEREAS, Robbie Fox has served as chair of the Tennessee Elevators and Amusement Device Safety Board since 2009; he is a member of the National Association of Amusement Ride Safety Officials and is an instructor/trainer with Level I certification. He has also completed training with the Amusement Industry Manufacturers and Suppliers International; and

WHEREAS, a notable civic leader in his community, Robbie Fox has served on the City of Sevierville Board of Mayor and Aldermen since 2013 and presently serves as the city's mayor; and

WHEREAS, before joining The Dollywood Company, Robbie Fox had an exemplary thirty-year career in law enforcement, first as the Administrative Captain for the City of Gatlinburg Police Department from 1972 to 1986 and then as Chief of Police of the City of Sevierville Police Department until his retirement in 2002. As Chief of Police, he coordinated efforts to achieve national accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, initiated Enhanced 911 efforts in Sevier County, and served as the city's management team coordinator; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Fox also concurrently served as an adjunct faculty member at Walters State Community College, where he taught a number of criminal justice administration courses, including Criminal Investigation, Juvenile Law, Rules of Evidence, Police Administration, and Accident Investigation, among others; and

WHEREAS, he is a past president of the Tennessee Association of Chiefs of Police and served as chairman of the Enhanced 911 Board of Directors for Sevier County from its inception until his retirement in 2002; he is a cofounder of the Leadership Sevier Board of Directors and serves on the board of directors of the Gatlinburg Sportsmen's Club and Sevier County Electric System; and

WHEREAS, Robbie Fox holds an Associate of Science degree in Criminal Justice from Walters State Community College and a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice Administration from East Tennessee State University; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Fox is an active member of First Baptist Church of Sevierville, Mountain Star Lodge #197, and the Kerbela Shrine Temple; and

WHEREAS, his many professional accomplishments aside, he is most grateful for the love and companionship he shares with his wife, Sandra Kay Fox, and their children, Tabatha M. Ogle and Robert W. "Bubba" Fox II; and

WHEREAS, Robbie Fox epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly find it appropriate to acknowledge and applaud Mr. Fox for his many contributions to the State of Tennessee and its citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Robert Wesley "Robbie" Fox, Sr., for his work as Vice President of Risk Management and Security for The Dollywood Company, salute his service to the citizens of Sevierville as their mayor, thank him for his meritorious career in law enforcement, and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.